SECRET

Cornelius Ryan came to see me. He is laying his plans to write a book on General Donovan and the OSS. He was a war correspondent, but since his success with "The Longest Day" is now a free lancer. He said he intended to continue his book and movie on the Normandy landings with another four books on the campaigns.

Bruce Hopper came in. He has had a spell of illness, and has aged greatly since I last saw him. Effie and he have been in Europe for some months, in the course of which he has been accumulating material for his literary work. He said he had stopped on behalf of Mrs. McCormick in Geneva, to effect the transfer of her Chateau de Prangins to the American Government. She has generously given this historic house, with its contents, for the use of our officials in Geneva. It is a wonderful present, for we have never had any permanent establishment there. Bruce told me that a short time ago she [redacted] refused a million dollars for the property.

November 2, 1962 - Friday

Polly and Lewis Jones went to Paris this morning. I attended the staff meeting, then lunched with Drew Middleton at the Garrick. This is probably the last time we will meet there before he takes up his position in Paris. As a farewell, it was nifty. We each had a dozen oysters, a dish of whitebait, I lamb, and he steak, with cocktails, a half bottle of Puligny-Montrachet, and a bottle of ~~1948~~ Pichon-Longueville, La lande.

REZ 6-17-11

I went from there to see Lord Home, reporting on the conversation with these two telegrams:

I walked through the Foreign Office corridors to the Colonial Office, to see Duncan Sandys about India, reporting on it as follows:

He likes to eat at good places where standard food can be obtained. He does not go in for exotic foods nor local dishes and does not like to be segregated in a private dining room. He likes music.

I suggest that no evening activity be planned in advance, including dinner, and we will work out these plans on the spot.

13. Church Services

Mr. Rooney attends church Sundays and Holy Days. If any fall during our time at your post, please ensure that time is available for attending church and that you have suggestions as to the most convenient place to go.

Assumption is Dec. 8

14. Customs

Baggage etc. The effective handling of little things often makes the most lasting impressions. Whenever possible, it is best if the party can be taken directly to their hotel with the baggage to be cleared and brought along later. The same is true of the passports. This is at best a confusing operation and one in which several cooks can spoil the broth. The same is true of departures. Let's get the baggage taken care of well in advance so the party will not have to wait for baggage clearances.

15. Tipping

I would like someone to handle all the tips for baggage, room, cars, services, etc. I will reimburse upon departure.

16. All members of the group must be included in every activity.

I think you will find this a very friendly, informal, and easy group to have with you. They are not critical or hard to take care of and I think we will all have a lot of fun together, as well as a very useful experience.

Again, please let me know if there is anything I can do to make this easier for you.

Sincerely yours